



Dear Praying Friends,

We trust each of you and your families were able to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas during the month of December. We spent meaningful time with each one of our family members before we returned to Taiwan on December 28th. After an extremely busy fall/winter of travel, we are SO HAPPY TO BE BACK HOME. Our demanding schedule over the last several months has taken its toll on us; we have experienced severe jet-lag, physical sickness, and other discomforts during our re-entry to Taiwan life. We are now on the upswing and moving back into regular ministries at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

From September 9 through November 5 we were in different supporting churches every weekend. We enjoyed touching base with friends, old and new. November 13-28 we travelled from Cleveland, OH to Bangkok Thailand, Yangon (Rangoon) Myanmar (previously Burma), and Assam India. In Bangkok we connected with the Duane Scott family, who are BMM church planters. The John Smith* family in Myanmar are in their first term of ministry with Bibles International working with BMM's Bible translation division. While we were in Assam, we spent time with the Sam Pridur* family and the Alan Jones* family (also with BI/BMM). We also had the privilege of participating in the 25th Anniversary of the Bibles International India Society and enjoyed wonderful fellowship with the Indian believers.

The month of December was a whirlwind of travel. We went first to California (by air) to see Matt's mother, then drove to Vermont to visit with our newly wed daughter, Rose, and son-in-law, Mike Elmore. Finally, we made a circuit to Huntsville, Alabama to see Luke, to Columbia, South Carolina to visit Beth over Christmas, and back to Cleveland to catch our flight to Taiwan. Our kids are all doing well and moving forward in God's plans for their lives.

Our lives should be much more stable now that we are back home. We are beginning to re-connect with church ministries and responsibilities. The church has moved forward during our absence under the leadership of Josh Stewart. We will be slowly transitioning so that he begins to play the primary role in church leadership, while Marla and I will remain heavily involved with preaching, teaching, counselling, and music ministries.

As part of our new mission responsibilities, we will continue to travel (short trips) to visit our BMM Asia fields. Since our travel will be initiating from Taiwan, it will be much more convenient, less physically demanding, and shorter in duration.

- February 2-7 visiting BMM missionaries in Japan
- March 20-27 speaking at a mission conference in the BMM ministry in Natore, Bangladesh.
- May 5-15 visiting BMM missionaries and a supporting church on the Pacific islands of Guam, Saipan, and Chuuk (Truk).

Thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts, as well as your many prayers for us and the ministries here in Asia. We love and appreciate each of you. Thank you for partnering with us!

In Christ's love,

Matt and Marla Hanna

(see pictures next page)

The Hanna Newsletter



Missionaries to Taiwan

"Good news from a far country" (Proverbs 25:25)



<< Duane Scott teaching in Bangkok

>> With the John Smith* family



<< Visiting an Assam tea estate with Joe & Bonny Valentin

>> American Thanksgiving



<< BIIS 25th Silver Jubilee: With Sam Pridur*; Alan Jones* family



<< Marla & Dr. Lamina Singh, Emmanuel Rural Hospital

>> Matt Preaching in India

